



**Research for Better Teaching, Inc.**

## **Summer Catalogue**

### **Introduction to Research for Better Teaching**

Research for Better Teaching (RBT) is a training and consulting organization dedicated to the professionalization of teaching. Founded in 1979 by Jonathon D. Saphier, Ed.D., our mission is to build teacher, leader, and institutional capacity to promote and sustain increased student learning and achievement.

### **Observing and Analyzing Teaching I**

As school and teacher leaders, we can support and sustain high quality teaching by providing teachers with specific, results-oriented feedback. To do so, we must be able to recognize and name what constitutes excellence in teacher performance in a range of areas, including classroom management, lesson planning, and delivery of instruction. This program will build our capacity to identify what makes a difference to students and their learning.

As a result of taking this program, we will be able to:

- Recognize expert instruction and name the discrete elements of teacher performance that impact student learning
- Name, explain, and document the level of knowledge and skills of individual instructors
- Provide standards-based feedback about teaching practices during productive collegial conferences
- Use several types of data to determine whether – and how – teaching performance meets state and/or local standards

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